

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Wednesday, May 14, 2003, Part II

HOUSE

House proceedings were included in their entirety in the Congressional Record Summary of Wednesday, May 14, 2003, Part I.

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 1061. *A bill to authorize 36 additional bankruptcy judgeships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

"... The substantial increase in bankruptcy case filings in recent years has created a dire need for additional bankruptcy judgeships. My bill would create 23 new permanent bankruptcy judgeships, 5 temporary judgeships, convert 2 temporary judgeships to permanent status and extend 2 other temporary judgeships. 17 States would receive new judgeships, as recommended by the Administrative Office for United States Courts..."

Biden

Pages S 6255, S 6261-2

S. 1062. *A bill to amend section 924 of title 18, United States Code, to increase the maximum term of imprisonment for offenses involving stolen firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

"... Specifically, this bill would increase the maximum penalty for violating four provisions of the firearms laws. Under title 18 of the U.S. Code, it is illegal to knowingly transport or ship a stolen firearm or stolen ammunition. It is also illegal to knowingly receive, possess, conceal, store, sell, or otherwise dispose of a stolen firearm or stolen ammunition. The penalty for violating either of these provisions is a fine, a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years, or both. My bill increases the maximum prison sentence to 15 years..."

Campbell

Pages S 6255, S 6262

S. 1065. *A bill to establish a matching grant program to help State and local jurisdictions purchase bullet-resistant equipment for use by law enforcement departments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Campbell

Pages S 6255-6, S 6262-4

S. 1054. Reconciliation Bill:

Senate began consideration of S. 1054, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S 6148-S 6226, S 6233-S6248, D 522

Pending:

Landrieu Amendment No. 619, in the nature of a substitute.

Pages Pages S 6233-8, D 523

S. 1054. Reconciliation Bill (Cont'd.):

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, May 15, 2003; that all time under the statutory limit be expired; that the Senate proceed to vote on or in relation to the pending amendments in the order offered beginning with *Bunning/McConnell Amendment No. 589*; that following the disposition of amendments, *the bill be read a third time, the Senate then proceed to consideration of H.R. 2 (House companion measure), all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 1054, as amended, if amended, be inserted in lieu thereof, the bill be read a third time, and the Senate proceed to a vote on passage of the bill; that the Senate then insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate with a ratio of 3 to 2; and that no points of order be waived by this agreement.*

Pages S 6196-7, D 523

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the vote sequence relative to the pending amendments (listed above).

Pages S 6226, D 523

Committee Meeting For Thursday, May 15, 2003:

Committee on the Judiciary: @ 9:30 a.m. Business meeting to consider S. 878, to authorize an additional permanent judgeship in the District of Idaho, S. 1023, to increase the annual salaries of justices and judges of the United States, and the nominations of David G. Campbell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, L. Scott Coogler, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Mark Moki Hanohano, to be United States Marshal for the District of Hawaii, and Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. SD-226.

Pages D 528-9

Next SENATE MEETING: Thursday, 9:15 a.m., May 15, 2003.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Thursday, 9:00 a.m., May 15, 2003.

OLA: S. Schwarz, A. Getter-Santos